

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the present application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

Claim 1 (previously presented): An organ and tissue procurement system, comprising:

interface server means for storing and delivering user interface information procurement data accessible to authorized users over a wide area network;

database server means, in communication with said interface server means, for storing and delivering data related to donors and recipients of human organs and tissue and tissue data; and

software means, in communication with said interface server means and said database server means, for enabling access to said data and said user interface information by said authorized users, wherein said software means includes:

(a) security means for determining whether one or more of said authorized users may modify said data; and

(b) import means for receiving and tracking donor information from at least one external database and adding said donor information to said data.

Claim 2 (original): The system of claim 1, wherein said external database is managed by an office of motor vehicles.

Claim 3 (original): The system of claim 1, wherein said external database is managed by an organ donation organization.

Claim 4 (original): The system of claim 1, where in said data further includes information relating to transplant hospitals.

Claim 5 (original): The system of claim 1, wherein said data further includes information relating to eyebanks.

Claim 6 (original): The system of claim 1, wherein said data further includes information relating to tissue banks.

Claim 7 (previously presented): An organ and tissue procurement system comprising:

software means residing on a computer server for communicating with a database management system corresponding to and operating upon one or more external databases and configured to create links between select fields of said external databases;

wherein said one or more external databases store medical and social history and procurement and tissue information about a plurality of prospective donors under conditions that allow salvage of tissue or organs from said prospective donors (“donor data”), and medical and social history information about a plurality of prospective recipients (“recipient data”);

wherein said database management system communicates with said one or more external databases and to determine whether said donor data is stored in said one or more external databases; and

wherein said database management system communicates with said one or more external databases to determine whether any of said donor data correspondence to any of said recipient data sufficient to establish a preliminary match between said donor data and said recipient data.

Claim 8 (original): The procurement system according to claim 7, wherein said software means includes means for prompting a user of said system to ask predetermined threshold questions about said prospective donor to establish whether said prospective donor may donate said tissue or organ.

Claim 9 (original): The procurement system according to claim 7, wherein said software means includes means for allowing a user of said system to determine whether said prospective donor has indicated an express intent to donate said tissue or organ.

Claim 10 (previously presented): The procurement system according to claim 7, wherein each said one or more external databases is maintained by an organization with which said prospective donor or said prospective recipient have a prior relationship; and wherein said database management system communicates with said one or more external databases over an electronic communication network.

Claim 11 (original): The procurement system of claim 10, wherein said electronic communication network is the Internet; and wherein said software means is enabled for use entirely over the World Wide Web.

Claim 12 (previously presented): The procurement system of claim 7, wherein said one or more external databases include data sets which are precategorized into a plurality of predetermined organ histories.

Claim 13 (previously presented): A method for managing a procurement system for tissue or organs, comprising the steps of:

providing software means for communicating with a database management system corresponding to and operating upon one or more external databases and configured to create links between select fields of said one or more external databases;

storing medical and social history and procurement and issue information about a plurality of prospective donors under conditions that would allow salvage of tissue or organs from said prospective donors ("donor data");

accessing said database management system to determine whether said donor data is stored in said one or more external databases, and if so, determining any of said donor data corresponds to any of said recipient data sufficient to establish a preliminary match between said donor data and said recipient data.

Claim 14 (currently amended): The system of claim 7, ~~wherein~~further comprising: managing said external database ~~is managed~~ by an office of motor vehicles.

Claim 15 (currently amended): The system of claim 7, ~~wherein~~further comprising: managing said external database ~~is managed~~ by an organ donation organization.

Claim 16 (currently amended): The system of claim 13, ~~wherein~~further comprising: managing said external database ~~is managed~~ by an office of motor vehicles.

Claim 17 (currently amended): The system of claim 13, ~~wherein~~further comprising: managing said external database ~~is managed~~ by an organ donation organization.

Claim 18 (new): An organ and tissue procurement system, comprising:
an interface server configured to store and deliver user interface information procurement data that is accessible to authorized users over a wide area network;
a database server in communication with the interface server that is configured to store and deliver data related to donors and recipients of at least one of human organs and tissue; and
software in communication with the interface server and the database server that is configured to provide access to the data and the user interface information by the authorized users, wherein the software includes a security arrangement configured to determine whether one or more of the authorized users may modify the data; and an import arrangement configured to receive and track donor information from multiple external databases and adding said donor information to the data.